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SUBJECT: EX-CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALMEYDA IN ROMANIA

REF: (A) SANTIAGO 0217; (B) BUCHAREST A-231, OCTOBER 8, 1974

1. ROMANIAN PRESS JANUARY 13 ANNOUNCED ARRIVAL IN ROMANIA ON JANUARY 12 OF EX-CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA, TOGETHER WITH OTHER UNSPECIFIED "PERSONALITIES AND MILITANTS" WHO FORMERLY PARTICIPATED IN ALLENDE GOVERNMENT. ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT ENTIRE GROUP WAS "LIBERATED" AS RESULT OF PERSONAL DEMARCHE

MADE BY PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU. ALMEYDA WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY CORNELIU MANESCU, EX-GOR FOREIGN MINISTER AND NOW SOCIALIST UNITY FRONT VICE PRESIDENT, AND RCP CC DEPUTY SECTION CHIEF C. VASILIU.

2. COMMENT: ALMEYDA IS BY FAR THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS OF SOME 1500 CHILEAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN ROMANIA OVER THE LAST YEAR. HIS "LIBERATION" DUE TO CEAUSESCU'S INTERVENTION, IF THAT IS THE CASE, WILL BE PROPAGANDA WINDFALL FOR GOR, USEFUL IN JUSTIFYING UTILITY AND SOCIALIST PROPRIETY OF ROMANIA'S
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CONTINUED DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH GOC. MANY OF

ALMEYDA'S COMPATRIOTS ALREADY IN ROMANIA HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY
ADJUSTING AND SOME HAVE SOUGHT TO LEAVE FOR ELSEWHERE IN
EUROPE (REFAIR).
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